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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, ASAF

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NTSB DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN INVESTIGATION OF US-REGISTERED HELICOPTER CRASH.

1. US NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN INVESTIGATION OF CRASHED BELL MODEL 212 BELONGING TO PETROLEUM HELICOPTERS INC OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA. 212 ACCIDENT IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE OF NEWNESS OF TYPE AND SIZE OF CRAFT. ACCIDENT REPORTEDLY OCCURRED 9 MILES SOUTH OF JUBAYL, ON 28 JULY.
2. NTSB PROPOSES TO DISPATCH WILLIAM L. LAMB AS U.S. ACCREDITED REP TO SAUDI INVESTIGATION. LAMB WILL DEPART WASHINGTON 29 JULY ON PAN AM 106 TO LONDON, CONNECTING WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS 458 TO JIDDA ON 30 JULY.
3. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONTACTING DGCA, SHEIK ABDULLAH MAHDI, TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AND ELICIT INVITATION, AND IF POSSIBLE, SEEK MAHDI'S ASSISTANCE IN

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ARRANGING VISA AND ENTRY FOR LAMB. DEPT RECOGNIZES THE

DIFFICULTIES OF ARRANGING AIRPORT VISAS AND PROPOSES THAT
EMBASSY LEAVE THIS TO MAHDI'S GOOD OFFICES. IF MAHDI IS
UNAVAILABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD TRY TO CATCH LAMB AT LONDON
AIRPORT THROUGH EMBASSY LONDON. LAMB IS ALERTED FOR MSG. KISSINGER

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